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NOVEMBER 1, 2026 – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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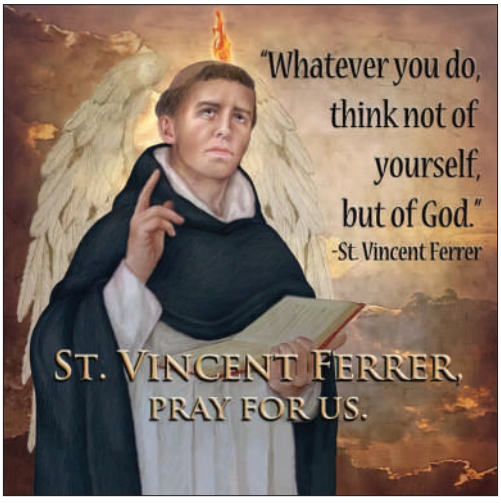

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

SCHOOL AFFILIATION

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 31 **5:00 p.m.**
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bernadine Lewis — In Memoriam
Requested by The Lewis Family

Sunday, November 1 **8:00 a.m.**
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints
Novena for All Souls
Raymond Wagner — In Memoriam

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean
— Blessings and Thanksgiving
Millicent Henderson — In Memoriam
Requested by Linda Beckles

Monday, November 2 **9:00 a.m.**
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
All Souls' Day Remembrance
All the Faithful Departed Members of
Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Tuesday, November 3 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
Lauraine Vercy — In Memoriam
Requested by Carline D.

Wednesday, November 4 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Jean Souffrant — In Memoriam

Thursday, November 5 **9:00 a.m.**
Briffault Family — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Marie Coutard

Friday, November 6 **9:00 a.m.**
Carida Pierre-Louis — In Thanksgiving to
Saint Charles Borromeo
Requested by The Delinois Family

Saturday, November 7 **9:00 a.m.**
Jean Harry Francois — In Memoriam
Requested by Nesina Francois

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Bread and Wine
Judith Gullap — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Betty Compton — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Eileen Morancie— Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Please contact the Rectory Office if you are homebound, know of any parishioner who is homebound or anyone going for a medical procedure who would like to be anointed by a priest and/or receive the Holy Eucharist. 718-859-9009

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Please register at the Rectory at least 6 weeks before. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at registration.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date. For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit: www.pre-cana.org.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. in the church or by appointment.

Sick Calls: In case of emergency – any time.

Scripture Reflection

On this solemn Feast of All Saints, the Church invites us to reflect on the great hope, that is based on Christ's Resurrection: Christ is risen and we will also be with him. The Saints and Blesseds are the most authoritative witnesses of Christian hope, because they lived it fully in their lives, amidst joys and sufferings, putting into practice the Beatitudes that Jesus preached and which resound in the Liturgy today (cf. Mt 5:1-12a). The evangelical Beatitudes, in fact, are the path to holiness. I will focus now on two Beatitudes, the second and the third.

This is the second one: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (v. 4). These words seem contradictory because mourning is not a sign of joy and happiness. Death, illness, moral adversity, sin and mistakes are reasons for mourning and suffering: simply everyday life, fragile, weak and marked by difficulty, a life at times wounded and pained by ingratitude and misunderstanding. Jesus proclaims blessed those who mourn due to this reality, who trust in the Lord despite everything and put themselves under his shadow. They are not indifferent, nor do they harden their hearts in their suffering, but they patiently hope for God's comfort. And they experience this comfort already in this life.

In the third Beatitude, Jesus states: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (v. 5). Brothers and sisters, meekness! Meekness is characteristic of Jesus, who said of himself: "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (Mt 11:29). The meek are those who know how to control themselves, who leave space for others, who listen to them and respect their way of living, their needs and their requests. They do not intend to overwhelm or diminish the other, they do not want to tower over or dominate everything, nor impose their ideas or their own interests to the detriment of others. These people, unappreciated by the worldly mentality, are, instead, precious in the eyes of God who gives them the promised land as an inheritance, that is, eternal life. This beatitude too begins here below and will be fulfilled in Heaven, in Christ. Meekness. At this moment in life, even in the world, where there is much aggressiveness..., in everyday life as well, the first thing that comes out of us is aggression, defensiveness. We need meekness to move forward on the path of holiness. To listen, to respect, not to attack: meekness.

Dear brothers and sisters, choosing purity, meekness and mercy; choosing to entrust oneself to the Lord in poverty of spirit and in affliction; dedicating oneself to justice and peace — all this means going against the current in respect to this world's mindset, in respect to the culture of possession, of meaningless fun, of arrogance against the weakest. This evangelical path was trodden by the Saints and Blesseds. Today's solemnity that honours All Saints reminds us of the personal and universal vocation to holiness, and proposes sure models for this journey that each person walks in a unique way, an unrepeatable way. It is enough to think of the inexhaustible variety of gifts and real life stories there are among the saints: they are not all the same, each one has their own personality, and developed their own life of holiness according to their own personality. Each one of us can do it, take this path: meekness, meekness, please, and we will head toward holiness.

This immense family of faithful disciples of Christ has a Mother, the Virgin Mary. We venerate her under the title Queen of All Saints; but she is first of all the Mother who teaches each one of us to welcome and follow her Son. May she help us nourish the desire for holiness, walking the way of the Beatitudes.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for All Saints' Day
November 1, 2020

Daily readings for the 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 1
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Monday, November 2
Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Romans 5:5-11 (alt. Rom 6:3-9)
John 6:37-40

Tuesday, November 3
Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 4
Philippians 2:12-18
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 5
Philippians 3:3-8a
Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 6
Philippians 3:17–4:1
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 7
Philippians 4:10-19
Psalm 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9
Luke 16:9-15

The Saint Vincent Ferrer
Ministry of Mercy

will host the annual

Memorial Mass for the Recently Deceased of Our Parish

Saturday
November 7, 2026
9:00a.m. Mass

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Please pray for all the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

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A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Bless the many parted souls
who lived their lives with grace.
Bless the saints in heaven,
gathered in that special place.

May we tell their stories
and remember all the ways
they lived their faith
and spent their days.

There is glory and reward,
even if at first there's strife.
Oh, blessed saints, you help us see
a path that's to eternal life.

May we always hold them dear
and know their life and place.
May we know their inspiration
and aspire to their grace.

ALL SOULS' DAY REFLECTION

"The resurrection of the crucified Jesus from the dead sheds light on the destiny of each one of us. For he told us: 'This is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day' (Jn 6:39). Thus, the focus of God's concerns is clear: that no one should perish forever and that everyone should have their own place and radiate their unique beauty (...). For this reason, Christians always remember the deceased in every Eucharist, and still today ask that those dear to them be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer. From this proclamation arises the hope that no one will perish. May visiting the cemetery, where silence interrupts the hustle and bustle of life, invite us all to remember and to wait in hope. As we say in the Creed: 'I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.' Let us commemorate, therefore, the future, for we are not enclosed in the past or in sentimental tears of nostalgia. Neither are we sealed within the present, as in a tomb. May the familiar voice of Jesus reach us, and reach everyone, because it is the only one that comes from the future."

—Pope Leo XIV's Angelus Message for All Souls' Day, November 2, 2025

SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION IS ONGOING

School of Religion Registration is open for new and returning students for the school year 2026-2027.

Classes have already begun, but it's not too late to register!.

The registration forms can be found online at saintvincentferrer.org under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718 859-9009 and we will mail the form to you.

If you are registering a new student, please bring the original copies of the Birth and Baptism certificates along with the registration fee to the Rectory.

The registration fee is $50.00 per family and can be paid by cash or money order. Please bring the payment to the Rectory, 1603 Brooklyn Avenue. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend office hours.

Please check the website and your email for further updates.

If you have any questions, please call Miss Margaret Bambara at 718-859-9009, ext. 4.

VIRTUS TRAINING UPDATE

Dear Parish Ministers and Volunteers:

Thank you for being active members of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish. We are especially grateful that you volunteer your time and talent in service to God.

In compliance with Diocesan and State regulations, all parish ministers and volunteers are required to complete an annual online Virtus refresher. This year's module is, "Protecting God's Children from Maltreatment 4.1". It was e-mailed to your Virtus account.

You can either visit Virtusonline.org to complete the module online, or you can attend any of the online presentations sponsored by the Parish.

Thank you again for all that you do for Saint Vincent Ferrer!

The next Virtus training class will be held on Saturday, November 21, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.

Please call the Rectory to register.

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This Week on Formed

Week of November 01, 2026

How to Advent | Episode 1

Advent is only a few weeks away. Can you believe it? Join us over the next few weeks as we prepare for this season with "How to Advent."

The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said,
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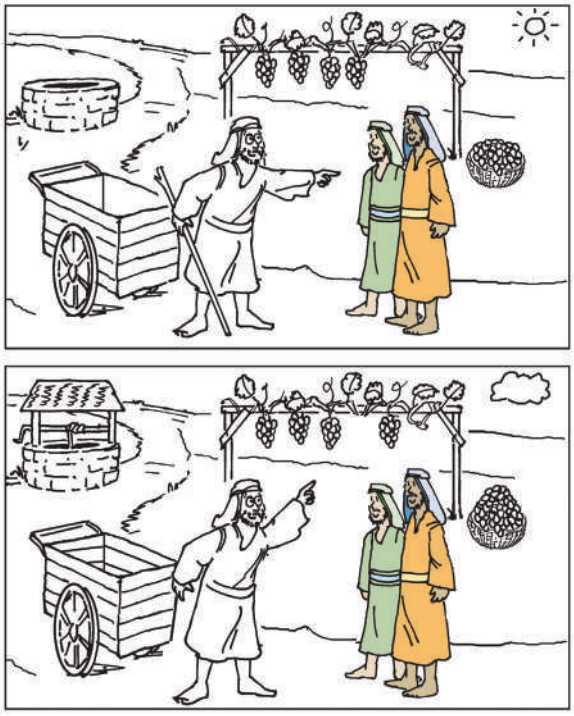

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach to them.

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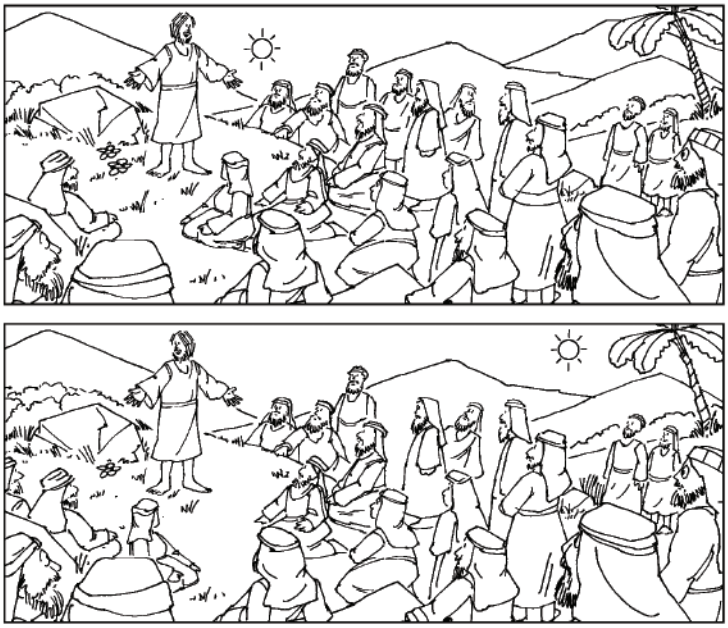

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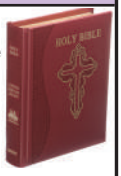

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